Roads in Manipur

1310. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that out of the three National Highways N.H.-39, N.H.-53 and N.H.-150, in Manipur, the first one alone is double lane;

(b) whether Government plan to keep NH-39 at normal standard and to make the two other National Highways, double lanes;

(c) how long it would take to complete the works; and

(d) the agencies for implementation of the N.H. schemes in Manipur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) Two laning of NH-39 in the remaining length of 19.5 kms. in the State of Manipur is in progress. Two laning of other National Highways in the State namely NH 53 and NH 150 is not contemplated as presently emphasis is on improving the riding quality of National Highways in the country including in the State of Manipur.

(d) The agencies for the development and maintenance of National Highways in the State of Manipur are State Government of Manipur and Border Roads Development Board.

Conversion of roads into six lanes

†1311. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Highways Development Project is working to convert some parts of National Highways network into six lanes; and

(b) the number of National Highways likely to be converted into six lanes and by when this work would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.